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In re Patent Application of)
Andrew H. Cragg et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/613,439) Examiner: Ruhl, Dennis William
Filed: July 11, 2000)
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
FACILITATING HEMOSTASIS OF)
BLOOD VESSEL PUNCTURES WITH)
ABSORBABLE SPONGE)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

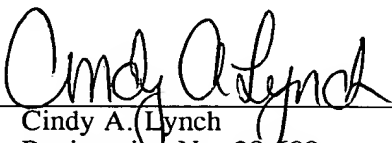
☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the restriction requirement dated January 14, 2002, the Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the following inventions.

Group I--Claims 1-9, 20, 21, and 42-60 are drawn to a device for facilitating hemostasis.

Group II--Claims 15-19, 22-41, and 61-65 are drawn to a method for facilitating hemostasis.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 15-19, 22-41, and 61-65 drawn to a method for facilitating hemostasis.